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## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1540

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DIGEST OF HB 1540 (Updated March 9, 2005 3:17 pm - DI 87)

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Indiana Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission.  
Establishes the Indiana Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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**Woodruff, Ayres, Stilwell, Pierce**

(SENATE SPONSORS — LONG, LEWIS)

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January 25, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation.

February 14, 2005, amended, reported — Do Pass.

February 17, 2005, read second time, ordered engrossed.

February 18, 2005, engrossed.

February 21, 2005, read third time, passed. Yeas 93, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 24, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation.

March 10, 2005, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) As used in this  
2       SECTION, "bicentennial" refers to the bicentennial of the birth of  
3       Abraham Lincoln.

4       (b) As used in this SECTION, "commission" refers to the  
5       Indiana Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission established by  
6       subsection (c).

7       (c) There is established the Indiana Abraham Lincoln  
8       bicentennial commission.

9       (d) The commission consists of the following members:

10       (1) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, to be  
11       appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not  
12       more than two (2) members appointed under this subdivision  
13       may be members of the same political party.

14       (2) Four (4) members of the senate, to be appointed by the  
15       president pro tempore of the senate. Not more than two (2)  
16       members appointed under this subdivision may be members  
17       of the same political party.

18       (3) The governor or the governor's designee.

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(4) The director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee.

(5) One (1) employee of the office of the lieutenant governor who has expertise in the tourism or film industry, to be designated by the lieutenant governor.

(6) One (1) member of the Indiana historical society, to be appointed by the governor.

(7) One (1) member representing a postsecondary educational institution who has demonstrated substantial knowledge and appreciation of Abraham Lincoln, to be appointed by the governor.

(8) One (1) member representing an elementary or a secondary school who has demonstrated substantial knowledge and appreciation of Abraham Lincoln, to be appointed by the governor.

(9) The chief executive officer of the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

(10) One (1) person who is an Indiana representative to the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (established by Public Law 106-173, H.R. 1451), to be appointed by the governor.

(11) Three (3) Indiana citizens, to be appointed by the governor. Not more than two (2) members appointed under this subdivision may be members of the same political party.

(e) The governor or the governor's designee shall act as the chair of the commission.

(f) The commission shall do the following:

(1) Honor Abraham Lincoln and educate Indiana residents and the nation about Indiana's important role in the life of Abraham Lincoln.

(2) Assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events and projects.

(3) Coordinate state, local, and nonprofit organizations' bicentennial activities occurring in Indiana.

(4) Cooperate and coordinate with the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (established by Public Law 106-173, H.R. 1451).

(5) Act as a point of contact for federal or other state bicentennial organizations wishing to distribute information to state and local groups about grant opportunities, meetings, and national events.

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1 (6) Plan and implement appropriate events to commemorate  
2 the bicentennial.

3 (7) Seek federal grants and philanthropic support for  
4 bicentennial activities.

5 (8) Perform other duties necessary to highlight Indiana's  
6 association with Abraham Lincoln.

7 (9) Annually report the commission's progress, activities, and  
8 recommendations to the governor and the legislative council.  
9 The report to the legislative council must be in an electronic  
10 format under IC 5-14-6.

11 (g) The department of natural resources shall staff the  
12 commission.

13 (h) Except as provided in subsection (k), the expenses of the  
14 commission shall be paid from money appropriated to the  
15 department of natural resources.

16 (i) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee  
17 is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
18 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement  
19 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other  
20 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties  
21 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the  
22 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
23 agency.

24 (j) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but  
25 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to  
26 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
27 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
28 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
29 procedures established by the Indiana department of  
30 administration and approved by the budget agency.

31 (k) Each member of the commission who is a member of the  
32 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,  
33 and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study  
34 committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,  
35 mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be  
36 paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the  
37 legislative services agency.

38 (l) Each member of the commission who is appointed by the  
39 governor serves at the governor's pleasure.

40 (m) Each member of the commission who is a member of the  
41 general assembly is a nonvoting member of the commission.

42 (n) Six (6) affirmative votes by the voting members of the

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commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure, including annual reports.

(o) The commission may establish a citizen advisory board to assist the commission in implementing this SECTION. If the commission establishes a citizen advisory board under this subsection, the following apply:

(1) The board consists of the following members:

(A) Not more than seven (7) citizens appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(B) Not more than seven (7) citizens appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(C) Not more than seven (7) citizens appointed by the governor.

(2) The duties of the board are determined by the commission.

(3) The board shall operate under procedures established by the commission.

(4) Members of the board are not entitled to per diem, mileage, or travel allowances.

(p) This SECTION expires January 1, 2010.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation, to which was referred House Bill 1540, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 10, delete "Three (3)" and insert "**Four (4)**".

Page 1, line 14, delete "Three (3)" and insert "**Four (4)**".

Page 2, line 3, delete "department of commerce" and insert "**office of the lieutenant governor**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1540 as introduced.)

NEESE, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 0.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation, to which was referred House Bill No. 1540, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1540 as printed February 15, 2005.)

RIEGSECKER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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